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CHROMITE ORE RESERVES
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chromite ore reserves in the country are limited;

(b) if so, the estimated reserves of Chromite ore in the country as on date, State-wise;

(c) the details of domestic consumption and export of Chromite ore during 2002-03 and 2003-04; and

(d) the royalty paid to each of the concerned State during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) As per the National Mineral Inventory, the total estimated reserves of Chromite ore are 187 million tonnes as on 1.4.2000. This includes the in-situ reserves of 114 million tonnes and conditional reserves of 73 million tonnes. The State-wise distribution is as below:

Orissa	183.1 million tonnes
Karnataka	2.1 million tonnes
Bihar	0.63 million tonnes
Tamil Nadu	0.28 million tonnes
Manipur	0.09 million tonnes
Andhra Pradesh	0.186 million tonnes
Maharashtra	0.54 million tonnes

(c) The details of domestic consumption and export of Chromite ore during 2002-03 and 2003-2004 is given below:

(In Thousand tonnes)

Year/Period	Domestic Consumption	Export	Total
2002-2003	1083	1192	2275
2003-04(Prov.)	1616	1081	2697

Source : Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur.

(d) The royalty paid during 2002-03 and 2003-04 to the producing states is as below:-

(Value in Rs.)

	2002-03	2002-03	2003-04	2003-04
States	Royalty paid	Paid towards past arrears.	Royalty paid	Paid towards past arrears.
Karnataka	689765	2285	3506358	5799804
Orissa	178628441	2461396	296656453	9495771
India	179318206	2463681	300162811	15295575

(Provisional)

Source: MCDR Annual Returns